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Hagerstown Man Jailed for 2016 Negligent Homicide by Motor Vehicle

A Hagerstown man has been sentenced to 18 months in jail for the 2016 fatal collision that killed his fiancée who was a passenger in his vehicle. Keith Charles Quigg, 32, of the 10000 block of Easterday Court was sentenced in Howard County Circuit Court Thursday after pleading guilty to a single county of criminally negligent manslaughter by motor vehicle on May 4, 2017.

On May 17, 2016 at approximately 9:43 a.m., a Pontiac G5 driven by Quigg was traveling westbound on Route 100 when it collided with the roadside guardrail and rolled over, ejecting Quigg's front-seat passenger. Nicole Marie Ashby, 31, of Hagerstown, was initially transported to Howard County General Hospital before being transferred to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center. She was pronounced deceased the following day. Quigg also was transported to Shock Trauma and was treated and released.

There were no other passengers in the vehicle and no other vehicles were involved. The investigation revealed that Quigg and Ashby were not wearing seatbelts. Accident investigators also determined that on that rainy morning, Quigg was speeding at the time of the collision.

Ashby's family was present at the sentencing hearing and submitted written victim impact statements. Quigg apologized to her family, stating, "I feel just as bad as you do... I love her...no matter what, I'll never forget that day."

Howard County Circuit Court Judge Mary N. Kramer acknowledged that the accident was "not an intentional act" but added, "Your negligent actions caused the death of a young woman." The judge sentenced Quigg to three years, suspending all but 18 months to be served at the Howard County Detention Center. Upon release, he will be placed on five years of supervised probation during which he must submit to drug and alcohol evaluation, testing and treatment, and to totally abstain from alcohol and controlled dangerous substances.

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